



Fourth Sunday in Easter
St. John's Lutheran Church
May 11th, 2025

Growing in Grace, Walking by faith, Serving in love

*(Please be aware that as we stream this service to a live audience you may appear on camera when you are worshipping with us. We welcome those who attend online and are part of our worshipping community! Please respond with the words in **bold** print and stand, as you are able at the places marked with an *.)*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Thanksgiving for Baptism:**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of + the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.
Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a
people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in
your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your
boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts
of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set
your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

***Opening Hymn:** **“The Day of Resurrection!” ELW#361**
verses 1,3,4



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own “All hail!” and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

***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.

***Kyrie:**.....ELW p.175



Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .



so - tros. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on



dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.



Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .



so - tros. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -
mer - cy. Christ, . . have mer - cy on



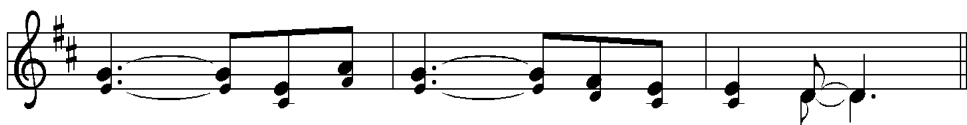
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mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on



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us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

***Prayer of the Day:**

Let us pray. O God of peace,

you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading:Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

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 beside 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.**

***Gospel Acclamation:ELW p. 179**



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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



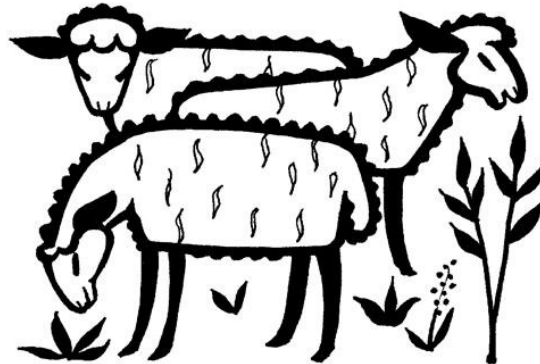
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***Gospel: John 10:22-30:**

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

The Gospel of John, starting with the tenth chapter and the twenty second verse.

Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Message:Pastor Keith Weatherford

Sermon:Pastor Keith Weatherford

(Silence for reflection.)

***Hymn of the Day:“The Peace of the Lord” ELW #646**



1 *La paz del Se - ñor, la paz del Se - ñor, la*
 1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
 2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
 3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the



paz del Re - su - ci - ta - do: la paz del Se -
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the
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ñor a ti ya mí, a to - dos al - can - za -
 Lord is for you and for me, and al - so for all of God's
 Lord is a - mong us right now, so o - pen your - selves to re -
 Lord kept with - in can - not live, so o - pen your - selves now to



rá: la paz del Se - ñor a ti ya
 chil - dren. The peace of the Lord is for you and for
 ceive it. The peace of the Lord is a - mong us right
 share it. The peace of the Lord kept with - in can - not



mí, a to - dos al - can - za - rá.
 me, and al - so for all of God's chil - dren.
 now, so o - pen your - selves to re - ceive it.
 live, so o - pen your - selves now to share it.

***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. Amen.**

***Prayers of Intercession:**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church,
the world, and all who are in need.

(Each portion of the prayers ends with these words)

Hear us O God.
Your mercy is great.

***Sharing of the Peace:**

...Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." (John 20:19)

As Christ welcomed everyone, let us open our hearts and lives and be like Christ
to everyone we meet. The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*(The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say "Peace be
with you" or similar words.)*

Offering:

(An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need, and the communion table is set.)

**Offertory Music: “The Lord is My Shepherd”
arr. N. Dexter
St. John’s Sanctuary Choir**

“The Lord is My Shepherd” by Noel Dexter (23rd Psalm)
Today’s anthem is a Caribbean style of the traditional 23rd Psalm for what is referred to as “Shepherd Sunday”, when we focus on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Noel Dexter’s version of this text features Jamaican rhythms and character. He wrote this piece for a high school choir in Kingston, and it was featured at a local church after debuting at a choral festival. Let the gentle rhythm of this piece allow you to think on familiar text, a favorite of many, often memorized, and is a beloved Psalm because of its comforting message.

***Offering Prayer:**

Let us pray. Risen One,

**you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.**

Amen.

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***Great Thanksgiving:**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

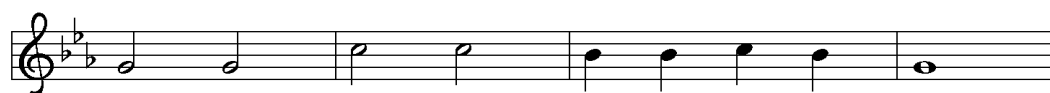
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life, and so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



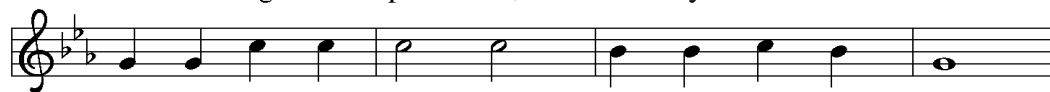
***Sanctus:** ELW p.181



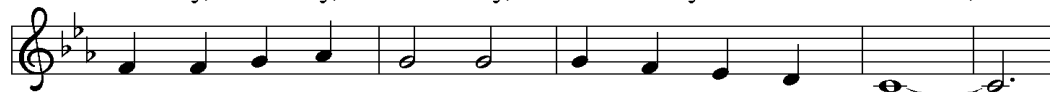
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



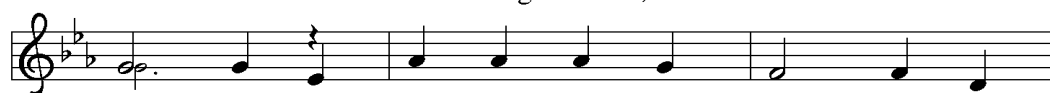
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Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on



tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
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Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

***Words of Institution:**

For in the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you, do this in 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 which is shed for you and for all people for the for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." As we have died with Christ so have we risen with Him. Remembering this life saving grace and resurrection, we join with all creation in praising Your name.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again. Amen!

***Lords Prayer:**

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. Amen.

***Invitation to Communion:**

(We celebrate this meal together at Christ's table, and all are welcome and encouraged to receive the forgiving and gracious presence of Christ in communion. Ushers will invite you forward starting from the rear of the sanctuary. Wine is the darker liquid on the outer portion of the tray. Lighter liquid is grape juice in the center of the tray. Gluten-free wafers available. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.)

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Lamb of God:ELW p.182



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



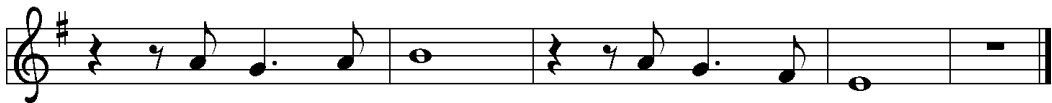
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Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion Hymn: King of Love My Shepherd Is” ELW#502



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide 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.

***Prayer after Communion:**

Let us pray. Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
Amen.

***Blessing:**

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.
Amen.

***Sending Hymn:.....“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me” ELW#860**

1. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
2. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
3. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

***Dismissal:**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

In our prayers:

Linda McDonald, Susan Olson, Mike McDonald, Paula Blessinger, Diane Evans, Tammy Tetrault, Susan Boettcher, Rosita Moe, Bruce Gottwig, Bob Sorensen, Deb Berg, Meg Biggs and family, Richard Bomar, Jeff Shirley, Jeremy Stockstad, Tatiana Ceaicovschi, Randy Holmes, Kamila Ruth Baker, Vicki Alpiner, Brent Bushnell, Tom Andersen, Sally Indreland, Jana Clark, Ann Hadley, Mary Lou Hadley, Dan Jacobson, Craig Steenberg

For those in residential living centers, extended care or homebound:

Mary Marty, Rev. Wayne Olsen, Rosita Moe, Esther Fuehrer, Julie Wolff, Adeline Rasmussen, Susan DeBree, Jimmie McGee, Al Tompkins

For those who are deployed and getting ready to deploy.

For those who have died and now rest in God's merciful care:

All the Saints in Heaven

For Missionaries: Missionaries around the world; Willie Langdji in Cameroon

For Pope Leo : as he steps into his new role as leader of the Catholic Church

Social Ministry cause for May is Florence Crittenton Family Services.

The Florence Crittenton's 125th anniversary will be celebrated at the State Capital on Thursday June, 12 from 1:30 to 3:30 in the rotunda. Sandwiches, cake and tea will be served. You may RSVP by June 2nd on line at www.florencecrittenton.org. Tickets are \$50.00 for an individual or \$400.00 for a table of 8. Heather Greene from Florence Crittenton will be at St. John's today to give a brief presentation and answer any questions you may have.

Music this Summer

Connie and Gretchen would like to feature solos and special music this summer. If you have a piece you prepared or if you want to get something together, but don't know where to start, please speak with us. We are happy to help you and would love to feature your talents

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, May 11, Mother's Day

9:30 am-Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am-Fellowship with Sunday Sundaes– ice cream bar to celebrate the end of the year

10:45 am-New Testament Bible Study

Monday, May 12

10:00 am– Staff Meeting

6:00 pm-Celebration Ringers

Tuesday, May 13

11 am– Funeral service for Ronald Irvin Moseness

The WELCA luncheon is cancelled

Friday, May 16 Through Sunday, May 18

WELCA Retreat

Sunday, May 18th: Senior Sunday

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am Fellowship with cake reception for graduating senior high students

10:45 am-New Testament Bible Study

Thursday, May 22

Noon– Book club, to discuss Ivan Doig's novel, "Last Bus to Wisdom"

Submission for Bulletin, Wednesday at noon
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