

Easter 4 — May 11, 2025

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

ELW 847

Apostolic Greeting

L 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.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Hallelujah. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. This is the feast of victory for our God. Hallelujah Hallelujah.

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you

C **And also with you**

L 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.

C **Amen**

First Reading: Acts 9: 36-43

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. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. 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." 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. 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. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Wisdom, Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God!

Psalm 23

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

² **The LORD makes me lie down ¹ in green pastures
and leads me be- ¹ side still waters.**

³ You restore my ¹ soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways ¹ for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall ¹ fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they ¹ comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence ¹ of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ¹ running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ¹ LORD forever.**

Second Reading: Revelation 7: 9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." Holy wisdom, holy word.

C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation Page 142

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel according to John in the 10th. C Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 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." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Are You Washed in the Blood?

Verse



Have you been to Je - sus for the cleans - ing power?
Are you walk - ing dai - ly by the Sav - ior's side?
When the Bride - groom com - eth, will the robes be white?
Lay a - side the gar - ments that your are stained with sin,

4



Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb;

7



Are you ful - ly trust - ing in His grace this hour?
Do you rest each mo - ment in the Cru - ci - fied?
Will your soul be read - y in for the man - sions bright,
There's a foun - tain flow - ing for the soul un - clean,

10



Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb?
O be washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Refrain

13



Are you washed in the blood,

16



In the soul - cleans - ing blood of the Lamb?

19



Are your gar - ments spot - less? Are they white as snow?

23



Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Prayers of the People

L For all those from every nation who gather at the feet of the Lamb, especially those whose vocation is to provide motherly care, that all may know a full measure of God's love and grace.

AM: For the Church, humble and joyful that we are held firmly in the hands of our Good Shepherd, that we may also welcome everyone into the blessed flock of Christ, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the secular world, that every nation and kingdom may come to know the freedom from death, sorrow, tears, and hatred that has marked human history, and kneel in grateful praise for the Prince of Peace, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For our wide and varied universe, that our awe and wonder may lead us to bless the Creator of all, and that we may carry God's blessing into every heart and home. Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the call to care with motherly tenderness for all, especially the children of the world, that no child may be deprived of the kind of love a good mother showers upon her children, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: And for those for whom Mothers' Day is not a time of joy, but of loss, hurt, and longing, that God's comfort may touch wounded hearts with healing, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: And for St. Paul's and our many ministries, that in all we say and do we reflect the holy promise of grace, and the spiritual gift of generosity to support Christ's work, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

L: For these, and any other needs we have, we seek your providential care, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer. AMEN**

The Peace

L The Peace of the Lord be with you all. **C And also with you.**
Please share a sign of peace with one another. The Offering is received, and the table is prepared.

Anthem: When We Sing to the Lord

Words by Don Besig and Nancy Price; music by Don Besig

Come, Christians join to sing Hallelujah to our king! When we sing to the Lord, when we sing to the Lord, when we join in celebration and give praise to the Lord; There is joy all around us and a smile on every face when we sing with glory to the Lord, to the Lord. When we hear those gospel tunes we learned so long ago, those tunes that tell us of his love, we can feel a song begin to grow and it rings high above. When we sing to the Lord, when we sing to the Lord, when we join in celebration and give praise to the Lord; there is joy all around us and a smile on every face when we sing with glory to the Lord. Yes we will sing, sing, sing! Praise our Savior, Lord and king. Celebrate his glory, tell the world his story. Sing, sing, sing! Let your hallelujahs ring as we sing with glory to the Lord. Every time we sing about the Lord's Amazing Grace, we proclaim the power of his word. And we will share the love that binds us in our fellowship and faith when we take his light into the world. When we sing to the Lord, when we sing to the Lord, when we join in celebration and give praise to the Lord; There is joy all around us and a smile on every face when we sing with glory to

the Lord. Yes we will sing, sing, sing! Praise our Savior, Lord and king. Celebrate his glory, tell the world his story. Sing, sing, sing! Let your hallelujahs ring as we sing with glory to the Lord. We will sing to the Lord!

Offertory Hymn ELW 678 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending. v.1

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store: nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door, gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

The Leader speaks the offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

- L The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**
L Lift up your hearts. **C We lift them to the Lord.**
L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
L It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,...we praise your name and join their unending hymn: .

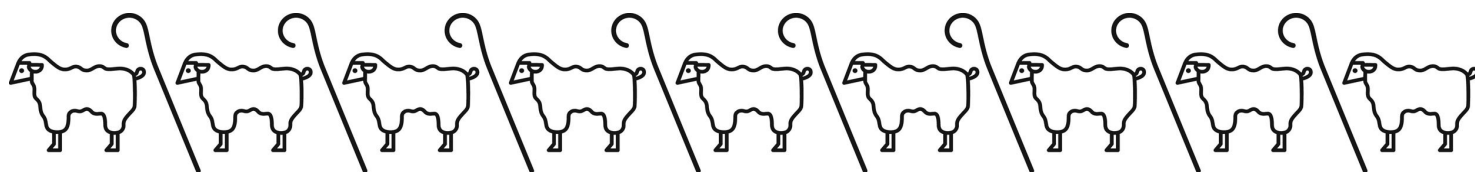
Sanctus

- C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Great Thanksgiving

LORD'S PRAYER

- 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**



The Agnus Dei pg. 146

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace,
Lamb of God.

All are warmly welcomed by Christ to his table and feast.

Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and
mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. **C Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Blessing and Honor

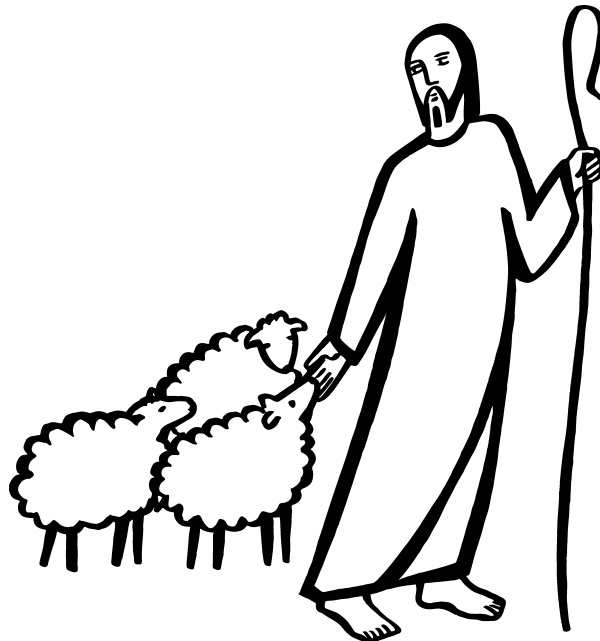
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Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors. **C Amen.**

Postlude

Thank you for coming. May God's peace be yours today.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Kay Ackley
Francine Ahrens
Ben, Sheryl & Nik Ahrens
Peggy Ali
Joyce Almsted

Connie Aparo
Phil Bascetta
Eli Boda
Diane Boscarino
Kathleen Bowler

Cherie Brown
Sharon Cable
Nancy Campbell
Carol Cianciolo
Cheryl Corey

Emma Cortina
Leif Dallaire
Emily Decker
Linda Dellano
Carla Derrickson

Sigrid Devita
Irene Douglas
Judy Elliott
Mark Ebbeskotte
Jan Eucalitto

Jennifer Ezzo
Bruce & Liz Falls
Eric Fernandez
Tommy Fitzpatrick
Ashley Friday

Rosemarie Foth
John Fox
Joan Gerard
Danise Hall
Jack & Barbara Heintz

Brayden Herzberg
Charles Hilton
Kathleen Hilton
Shannon Hilton
Jake Hoadley

Sven Holmgren
Erma Horn
Ann Jones
Eunice Jones
Lynn Killingbeck

Marilyn Killingbeck
Maria Koskovich
Jason Lashbrook
John Lewis
David Little

Rebecca Little
Kari Machowski
Mary Ellen Mackinnon
Jerry MacManus
Audrey & Ernie Marquard

Abigail Marine
Eric Marine
Richard Marine
Janis Martin
Gil & Marilyn Martin

Gladys Medina
Michael Meyers
Kate Merrow
Colin Moore
Brigitte Mueller
Martin Mueller

Dennis Nalette
Karen Ness
Tom O'Brien
Lea Orriola & family
Russell Palmer

Maria Payne
Jackie Quinn Wassik
Caroline Quintal
Ed & Susan Regner
Jonathan Richard

Louise Roche
Holly Schaff
Judy Schaller
Rosemary & Otto Schibi
Denae Seelye

Patricia Weingart Seymour
Rob Simon
Matt Simpson
Dana Steele

Sigrid Smitley
Paul Smith
Dana & George Steele
Jennifer Stella
Deb & Jon Sterling

RuthAnn Stone
Diane Tanner
Gloria Thibault
Andy Thomas
Julia Thompson Carroll

Susan Tycienski
Steve Warner
Renee Woodard
Clarence & Priscilla
Ed

Jen O.
Jaiden
Shirley
Steve
Lou W.

Steve
Todd
Robert K.
Terry
Joe

Rosie
Carol G.
Kristen & Jared
Vinny
Hagbard

Carolina
Robert P.
Peanut
Colleen
Ken

Kathy
Jaxson
Gail
F.C.H.
Chantel

Our Nursing Home Members

Dee Gammon
Midge Rosenbeck
Calvin Bensch
Judy Schaller

Our Military Friends

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn
Eric Beyus
Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Jr.
Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson
S/W Anderson James Ernst
USCG
SPC Dominic Boscarino
PVT Noah Braatz
PVT 2 Christian Braatz

Family and Friends of Cheryl Corey Haley Foran

Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
Council Meeting	5/12	7:00 pm
Worship & Music Meeting	5/15	6:00 pm
Church Picnic & Last Day of Sunday School	5/18	After Service
Yankee Chorale Concert	5/18	4:00 pm
Breakfast Men Acs Women George's	5/21	8:30 am
Synod Assembly	5/30-31	
Pentecost & Confirmation	6/8	10:00 am
New Member Reception	6/22	10:00 am
VBS	Week of 8/4	9:00 am

Bible Study Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm
and in person Wednesday mornings at
10:00 am.

Tai Chi 11:00 am Wednesdays

Quilting Group 1:00 pm Wednesdays

Offerings Summary:

Needed Weekly	\$4,561
Received	\$3,648
Shortfall	(\$913)
YTD shortfall	(\$20,656)

Minimalist bulletin

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Apostolic Greeting

Prayer of the Day

First Reading

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Second Reading

Gospel Acclamation

Reading of the Holy Gospel

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Hymn of the Day

Reception of new members

Prayers of the People

Peace

A Capella Choir Anthem

The Offering is received

Offertory Hymn Pg. 186

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus

Lord's Prayer

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) pg. 154

Communion is Distributed

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