



Psalm 23
The Lord
is my Shepherd.

May 11, 2025
4th Sunday of Easter
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Services

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome in the name of Christ!

We rejoice that you have joined us this morning!!

Faith is full of life and power. It is not an idle thought. It does not float on the surface of the heart, as a goose does on water; but it is as water that has been warmed by fire. Although such water remains water, it is no longer cold but warm, and therefore, an entirely different sort of water. So faith, which is the work of the Holy Spirit, makes the mind and the thinking of a person different and thereby makes an entirely new (person).

-Martin Luther-

Exposition on Genesis 12:4

Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Good Shepherd, Jesus, knows his own, and they know him. This God-in-the-flesh is the fulfillment of the shepherd spoken about by King David. Jesus calls his followers to faith and gives them a mission to share the good news near and far, in peace and unrest, to family and stranger alike. The true Shepherd King is identified by his works that exactly mirror the goodness of the Father who sent him.

PRELUDE

"Faith and Grace"; By Lowell Mason

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* indicates when the congregation is to stand. Anyone wishing to remain seated may do so during any part of the liturgy.

* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the **✙** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P 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.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 798 - "Will You Come and Follow Me"

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 my name. Let me quell the fear in -
 low

know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

*GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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** (I Women, II Men)


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

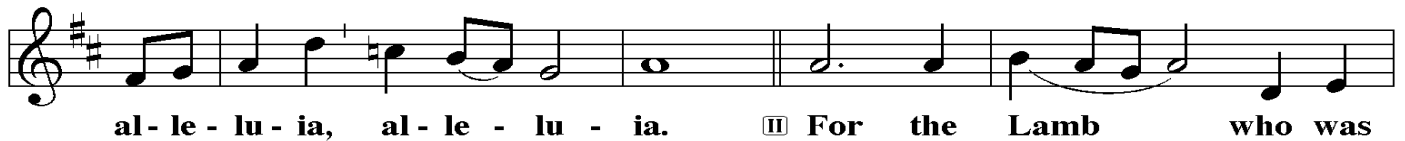
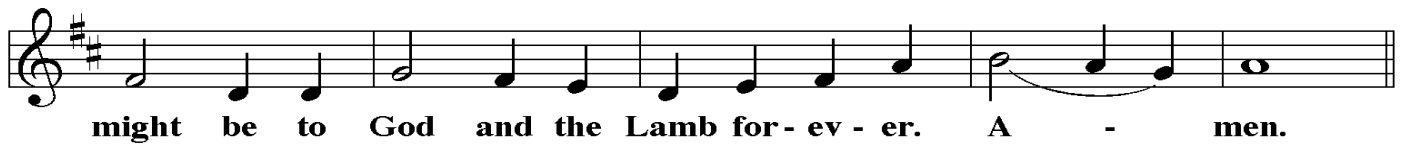

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. I Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was


slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

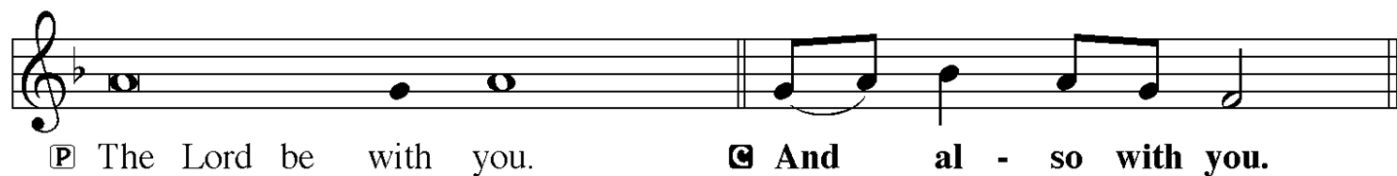

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,


al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. II Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and


strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.



*SALUTATION



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth, that they may return into the way of righteousness. Grant to all that are admitted into fellowship with Christ the power to avoid all things that are contrary to the faith and to follow you according to the will of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Gelasian Sacramentary, 7th Century)

ANTHEM

"Sing Praise to Christ"

10:30 AM

Composer: J.S. Bach

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

First Reading:

Acts 20:17-35


A reading from Acts

¹⁷Now from Miletus {Paul} sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"


Lesson Response

L The Word of the Lord.


C Thanks be to God



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
 4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,




in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
 my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;




He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
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SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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***VERSE**



The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for the first line of the verse. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

*THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

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



²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter,
²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Pray and Play (during 10:30 am service)

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

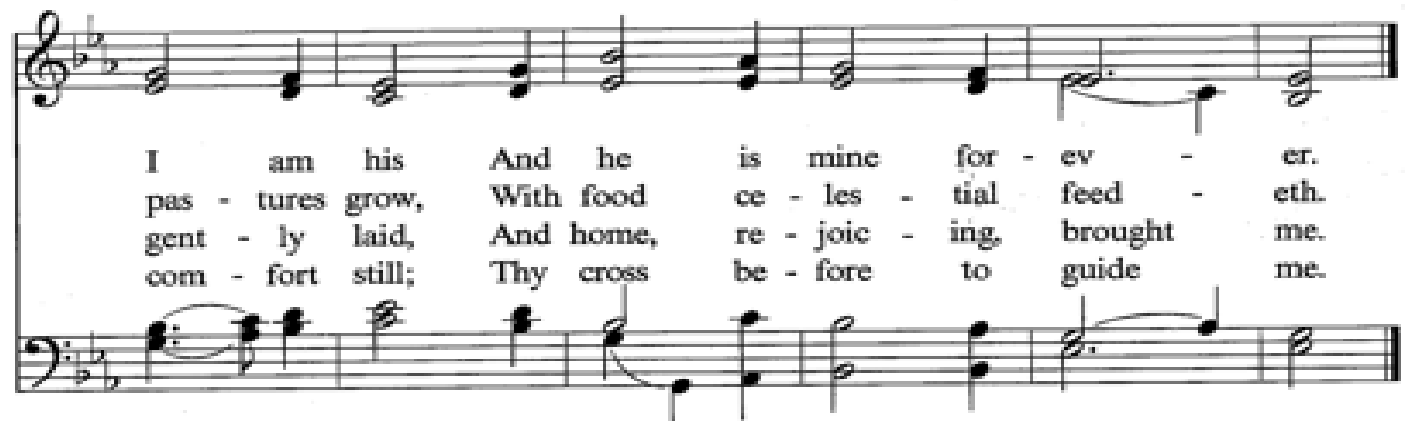
LBW 456 - "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"



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.

***NICENE CREED**

**C 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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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**

*THE PRAYERS

- A Let us pray... (The assisting minister ends each petition with “*Set our minds on heavenly things.*” The congregation responds with “*Fill us with your joy.*”)
- P Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

*PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C **And also with you.** (*Worshippers, please respect the social-distancing preferences of those who remain seated during the sharing of the peace.*)

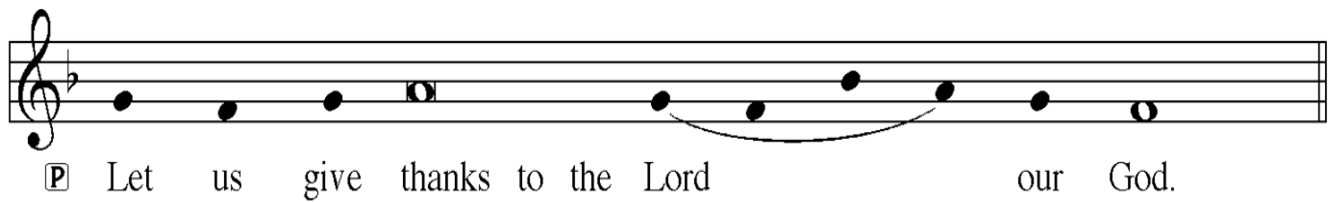
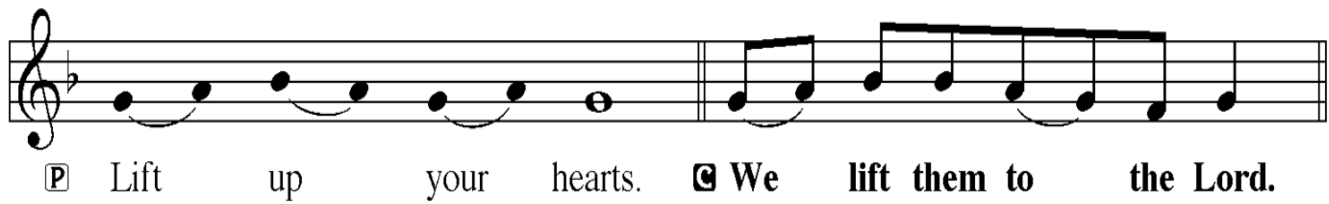
OFFERING

OFFERTORY	<i>“Peace Day by Day”; By James Mountain</i>	8:00 AM
	<i>“Allegro”; Arr. Telemann</i>	10:30 AM
	<i>Saxophone Duet: Ron Bixler & Tim Vogel</i>	

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right and salutary... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS**



***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread,
And gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the 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,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray, saying:

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.**

***AGNUS DEI**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

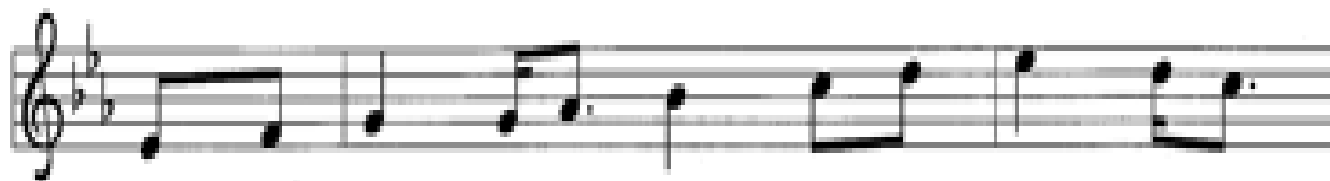
P This is the feast of victory for our God! Christ is Risen!

C He is Risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

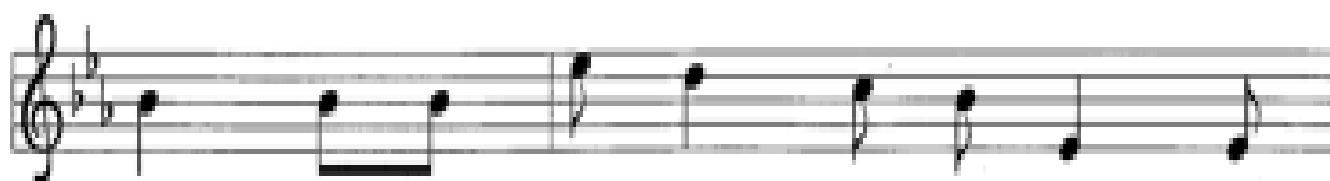
COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

As Lutheran Christians, we believe Christ is truly present within our gathering, and the taking of bread and wine is for forgiveness, life and salvation. On behalf of Christ, we invite all who are baptized and believe in Jesus Christ to join us in His Holy Supper. Children who have not made their first communion may be brought forward to the Altar for a blessing. If you are allergic to bread or wine, you may fully participate by taking either one or the other. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Wine and white grape juice are offered in prefilled cups.

Anyone not able to come forward to partake please notify an usher and Pastor will come to commune you.



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: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930

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LITTLE FLOCK

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1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;

In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847
 Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

BRADBURY
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*P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Let us pray. Father of life, we give you thanks for feeding us with the bread of heaven and the wine of sacrificial love of your Son, the Risen Christ. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your faithful people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and deeds; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

***BLESSING**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Extinguish Candles

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace and share the Good News!

C Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

***POSTLUDE**

Worship Servers	May 11, 2025		May 18, 2025	
	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Assisting Minister	Glen Elliott	R.J. Harris	Linda Townsend	Jennifer Conrad
Lector	Christine & John Bbye	Jennifer Keller	Kevin Kincaid	Laura Hoover
Ushers	Tom & Cindy Kachel	Bill Brown Chuck Irvin	Gary Larson Mel Strait	Deb Stein Roger Williams
Greeters	Ross Flint Gary Bender	Pat Douty	Bobbi Larson	Ann Krammes
Acolytes		James Hoover		Ella Bechard
Altar Guild *Bread Maker		Pat Douty *Russ Urffer		Mindy Fesler Arlene Young *Russ Urffer
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Lessons for May 18, 2025	First Lesson Psalm Second Lesson Gospel Lesson	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 150 Revelation 21:1-7 John 16:12-22
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Live-streaming continues at both the 8:00 am and 10:30 am worship services. If you would prefer not to be filmed when you come forward for communion, remain in the pew and communion will be delivered to you.



If you have any questions, please ask an Usher, the Pastor, or any of the church members for assistance. We will be glad to answer as best we can! May God bless and inspire you today! *A Gentle Reminder: Please place all cell phones on vibrate mode during the service.*

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