

# THE MISSION OF THIS CONGREGATION IS TO:

PRAISE God

**PROCLAIM** the message of Jesus Christ **REACH OUT** with this message to people of all backgrounds and cultures

**CREATE A COMMUNITY** of Christian support, love, and forgiveness.

Williams Bay Lutheran Church Worship
May 11, 2025 at 9:30 am
Service of the Word and Holy Communion

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

#### 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.** 

Gathering Hymn

"This Joyful Eastertide"

**ELW 391** 

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.** 

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.** 

#### WORD

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

<sup>36</sup> 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. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> 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." <sup>39</sup> 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, *continued next page* 

weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> 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. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 23

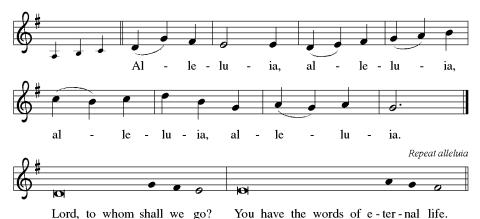
- ¹The LORD I is my shepherd; I shall not I be in want.
- <sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures and leads me be- | side still waters.
- <sup>3</sup>You restore my <sup>1</sup> soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways <sup>1</sup> for your name's sake.
- <sup>4</sup>Though 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.
  - <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence <sup>1</sup> of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is <sup>1</sup> running 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 forever.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup> 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. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 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, 12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14 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. 15 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. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup> 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."

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### Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: John 10:22-30

The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> 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." <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one."

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon Pastor Tom

Silence for Reflection

Hymn of the Day "Be Not Afraid" **ELW 388 (x3)** 

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, continued next page

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

Petitions conclude with: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

#### Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

#### **MEAL**



## Offering Prayer

Words of Institution for Holy Communion

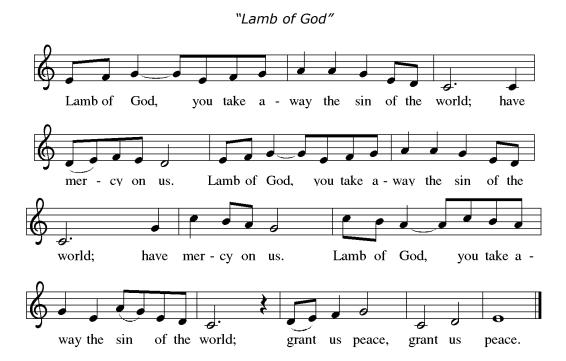
Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.

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.

All are Welcome to receive the Lord's Meal at His table.

## Hymns during Communion:



## "The Lord's My Shepherd"

**ELW 778** 



- 1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He
- 2 My soul he doth re store a gain, and
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet
- 4 My ta ble thou hast rich ly spread in
- 5 Good-ness and mer-cy all my life shall

makes me down to lie me to walk doth make will I fear no ill:

will I fear no ill; pres-ence of my foes; sure - ly fol - low me,



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



He lead - eth me, 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. and thy rod and staff me com - fort for thou art with me, still. head thou dost with a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows. My oil and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall

Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, Edinburgh, 1650 Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain

# "Children of the Heavenly Father"

**ELW 781** 



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,

- 1 Chil dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther safe-ly in his bo-som gath-er;
- 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho ly courts they flour ish.
- 3 Nei ther life nor death shall ev er from the Lord his chil-dren sev er;
- 4 Though he giv eth or he tak eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for sak eth;



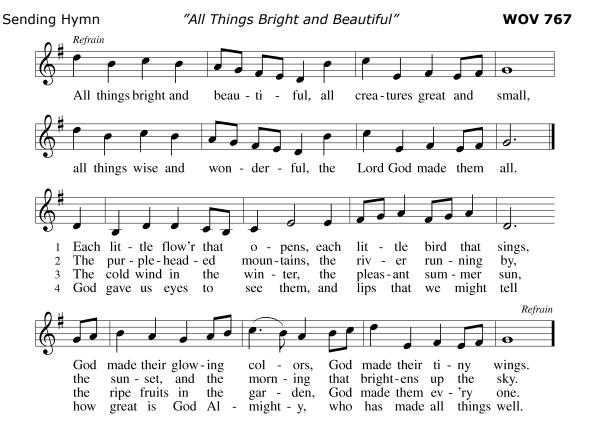
stjär-nan ej på him-la-fäs-tet, få-geln ej i kän-da näs-tet. nest-ling bird nor star in heav-en such a ref-uge e'er was giv-en. From all e-vil things he spares them, in his might-y arms he bears them. un- to them his grace he show-eth, and their sor-rows all he know-eth. his the lov-ing pur-pose sole-ly to pre-serve them pure and ho-ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958 Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune Text © 1925 Board of Publication, Lutheran Church in America, admin. Augsburg Fortress

Table Blessing

#### **SENDING**

Sending Prayer and Blessing



Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-1895, alt.

Music: ROYAL OAK, English tune, 17th cent., adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875-1958

#### Dismissal

Text: Muus Jacobse, 1909–1972; tr. composite
Music: MIDDEN IN DE DOOD, Rik Veelenturf, b. 1936
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