



**May 11, 2025**  
***Fourth Sunday of Easter***



*The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

***Good Morning and Welcome!***

Welcome! If you are an online worshiper or guest today, please leave a record of your time with us online. Thank you!

**[Online Guest Form](#)**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship Holy Communion Setting One*

*\* Please stand as you are able*

**PRELUDE** “Ave Maria” (Schubert/Callahan)

Melanie Payne, Organist

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT**

“Jesus Loves Me”

Cherub Choir

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Seraph Choir

**\*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.**

*(each petition ends with the following words)*

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

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

**\*GATHERING HYMN** “The Day of Resurrection!”

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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

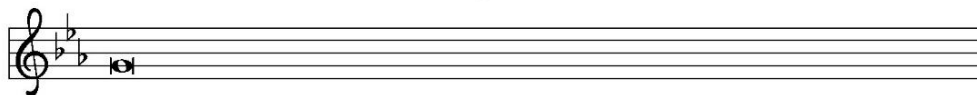
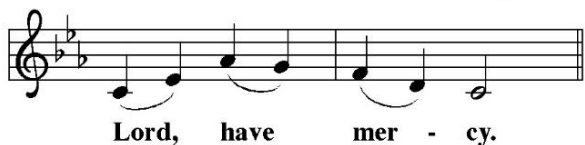
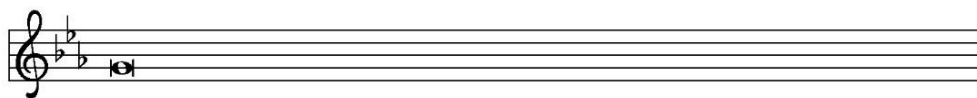
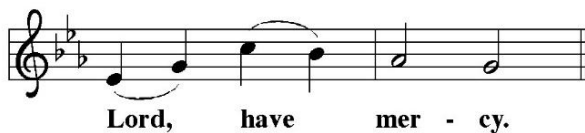
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### \*KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



# \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

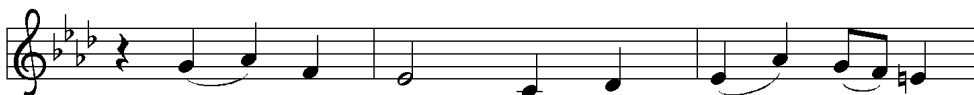


Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Refrain*

## \*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

### FIRST LESSON

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, 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.

### PSALM

Psalms 23

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways 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 of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is 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 LESSON

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. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> 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,

<sup>12</sup> singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?"

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> 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.”

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Bonnie Flowers

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** “Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go”

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

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' with lyrics underneath. The second staff continues the melody with 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The third staff begins with a double bar line, followed by a key signature change to F major (one flat), and then the lyrics 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.'

## \*GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to John, the tenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### \*GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

<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 Kris Schroeder



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: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

## \*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.**



## \*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

## GRADUATE BLESSING (8:30)

## \*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

Organ Solo (8:30) “Humbly, I Adore Thee Verity Unseen” (Callahan) Melanie Payne  
Anthem (11:00) “Immortal, Invisible” (Thiman) Choir

## \*OFFERTORY “Let the Vineyards”

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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## **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

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.

**Amen.**

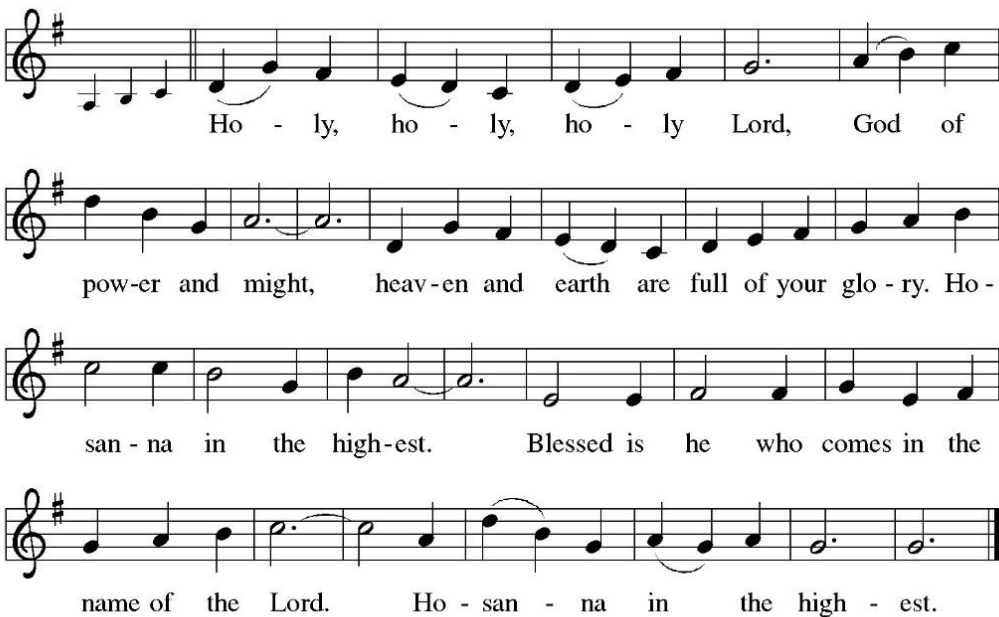
## **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING AND PREFACE**

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 him thanks and praise.**

## **\*SANCTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **\*THE LORD'S 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.

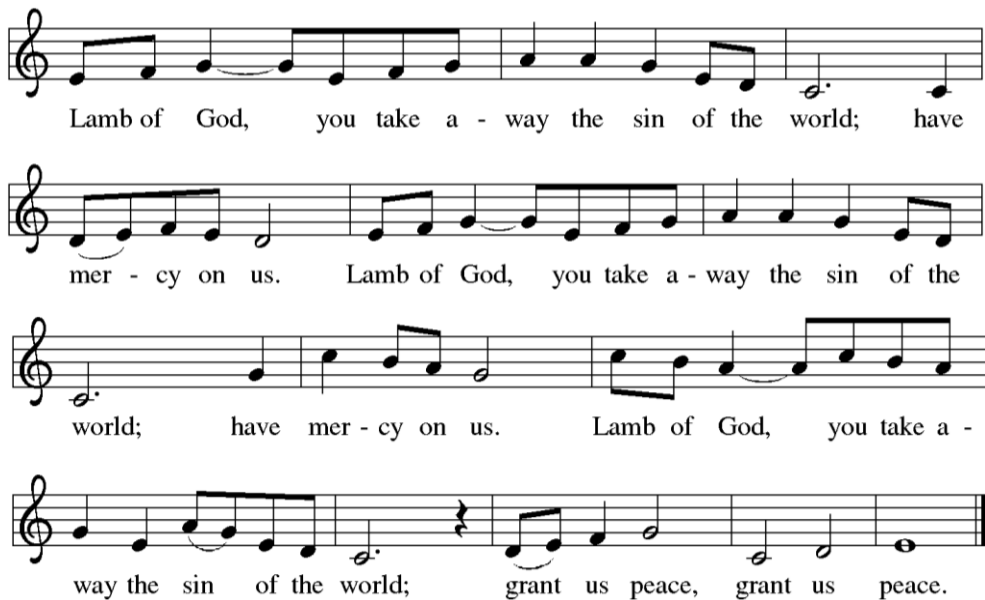
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

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.

## AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God”

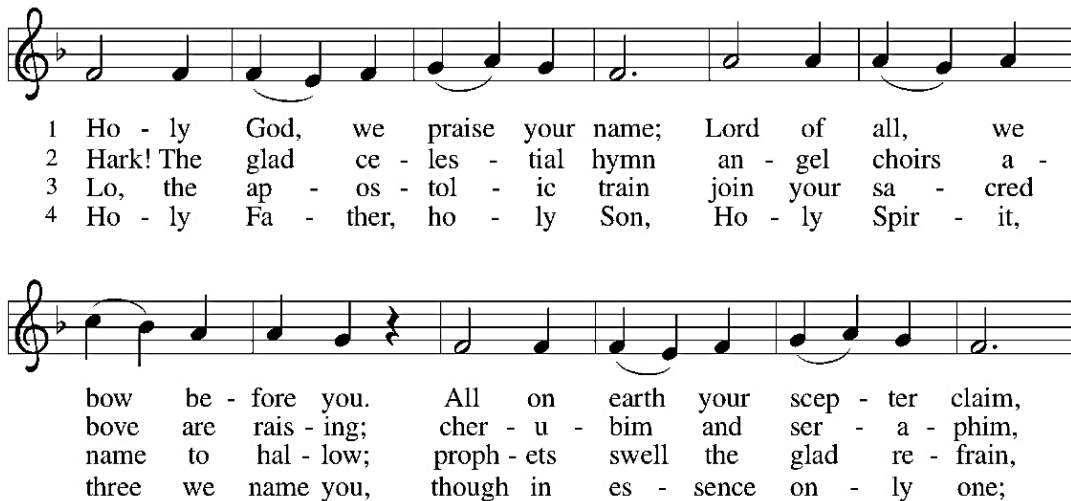


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

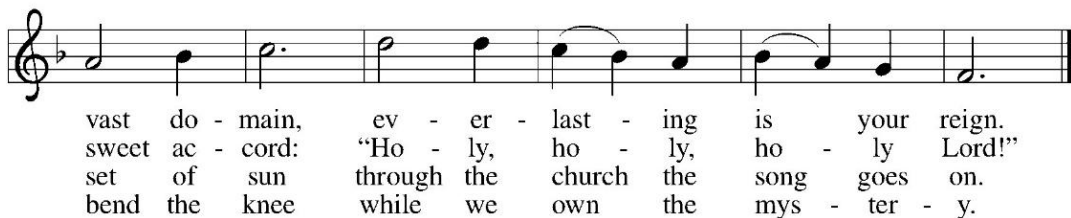
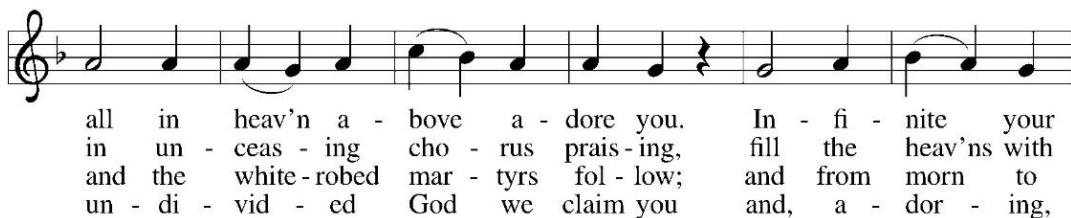
## DISTRIBUTION

### HYMN “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

ELW 414



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,  
bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;

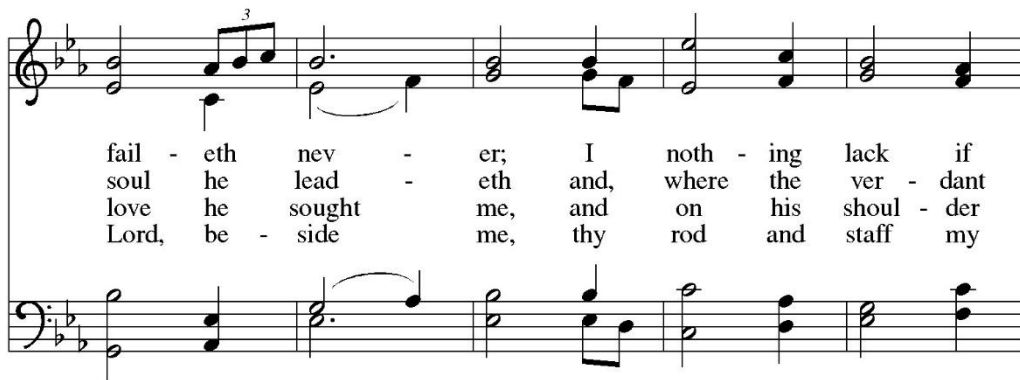


Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900

Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

## HYMN "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

ELW 502



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.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877  
 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

**HYMN “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” (not printed)**

ELW 843

**\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”**

ELW 206

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has  
 done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in  
 joy with shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**\*BLESSING**



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry  
 3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy  
 trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us  
 life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,  
 find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-nings;  
 more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,  
 ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with  
 Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.  
 its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
 with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.  
 crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

\*DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE “Little Prelude in G” (J. S. Bach)

**WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY**

Norma Freymuth	Lindsey & the Porter	Kenneth
Don & Lizzie Palmer	Family	LeighAnn
Sarah Rydbom	Cindy	Melissa
Gary Heideman	Evelyn	The family of Janice Peter
Rich	Kevin	

**THE FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God in honor and appreciation of the Sunday school teachers. Thank you for all you do! From Janet Sullivan and Bonnie Flowers. And in honor of Debbie Neely’s birthday and in thanksgiving of mothers everywhere.

**ALL ARE INVITED** to enjoy coffee and fellowship after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

**NURSERY** is open on a self-service basis until the attendant position is filled. Thank you for your understanding.

**ONE 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE STARTS NEXT WEEK, MAY 18.**

Beginning Sunday, May 18, we start our summer schedule of one service at 9:30 a.m. Set your reminders accordingly. Regular worship schedule will return on Sunday, August 3.

**LAST SUNDAY SCHOOL/END OF YEAR PARTY IS TODAY.** We will meet in class and move to the parish hall for the party.

**GET STARTED WITH THE MLC APP.** It’s quick and easy. Open your phone camera and scan the QR code to start connecting with Messiah in exciting ways. Our app has everything from volunteer sign-ups, forms, calendars, worship livestreams to connecting with ministry and fellowship groups. Never miss an important date with notifications and reminders from your phone.



**MUSIC CAMP SPONSORSHIP** People wishing to help sponsor the 2025 music camp, "The Sailor’s Bible," should catch a minnow, goldfish, dolphin, or whale in the fishbowl at the welcome center. Include the card in your offering envelope.

**KIT MINISTRY ITEM** – 4 oz. Bars of Soap      **FOOD PANTRY** – Shampoo, Deoderant

Pastor	Kristine Schroeder	Cantor	Holly Martin
Director of Music	Randall Fields	Lector	Greg Kilby (8:30)
Organist/Accompanist	Melanie Payne		Martin Campbell (11:00)
Office Manager	Jill Casey	Ushers	Owen Wasmoen (8 :30)
Communications Director	Jan Morrison		Mark Winge, Tom McNamara (11:00)
Information Technology	Chris Elegante	Altar Guild	Linda Pierce (8:30)
			Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
		Stream Team	Timothy Pitchko (8:30)
			Paul Zutter (11:00)
		Flower Guild	Jutta DeMarsh

## **\*\*CHURCH CALENDAR\*\***

### **Sunday, May 11**

8:30 a.m. – Service of Worship ELW Setting 1 with the Lord's Supper

9:45 a.m. – Fellowship and Graduate Celebration

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School End of Year Party

9:45 a.m. – Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. – \*Service of Worship ELW Setting 1 with the Lord's Supper

6:30 p.m. – Notabella

### **Tuesday, May 13**

9:00 a.m. – Comforters

### **Wednesday, May 14**

5:00 p.m. – Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. – Messiah Choir

### **Thursday, May 15**

6:30 p.m. – Kit Ministry

### **Sunday, May 18**

8:30 a.m. – Adult Bible Study

9:30 a.m. – Youth and Band Led, Service of Worship ELW Setting 8 with the Lord's Supper

11:15 a.m. – MOES / MESY End of Year Party and Bridging Ceremony

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

May 18 – Affirmation of Baptism

May 26 – Memorial Day (Office Closed)

June 2-8 – Music Camp “The Sailor’s Bible” Registration ends today, May 11.

July 7-11 – VBS: The Jesus League - Superheroes of the Bible

## **SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGES STARTING NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

- Adult Bible Study meets at 8:30 a.m. instead of 9:45 a.m.
- One Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.

## **ATTENDANCE**

April 27 Online: – 44

May 4: 8:30 – 88

11:00 - 85