

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11<sup>th</sup> 2025 9:30am



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**Preparation For Worship:** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Psalm 23:6*

## Opening Song

### God Is For Us

We won't fear the battle  
We won't fear the night  
We will walk the Valley with You by our side  
You will go before us  
You will lead the way  
We have found a refuge only You can save

Sing with joy now our God is for us  
The Father's love is strong and mighty fortress  
Raise your voice now no love is greater  
Who can stand against us if our God is for us

Even when I stumble  
Even when I fall  
Even when I turn back still Your love is sure  
You will not abandon  
You will not forsake  
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace

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Neither height nor depth can separate us  
Hell and death will not defeat us  
He Who gave His Son to free us  
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Ministry Spotlight      *Share*

### **Invocation**

**Pastor:** We gather today in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** Jesus tells us, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."  
*John 11*

**People:** **God is good!**

**Pastor:** All the time!

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**Pastor:** God is good!

**People:** **Like spring after winter is the faithful renewal of Jesus' love.**

**Pastor:** May your life be renewed like spring after winter in Jesus' love.

### **Confession and Absolution**

**Pastor:** Jesus' preaching began with, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Jesus also answered the Pharisees when they questioned who He welcomed and forgave, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

**People:** **After His resurrection Jesus said to His disciples, "It is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."**

**Pastor:** Acknowledging the promise and call of God to confess, repent, and receive forgiveness, we join in the Apostle John's words:

**People:** **If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned we make God a liar, and His Word is not in us.**

**Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**Forgive me of my sins, I pray. *(Reflection for confession)***

**Pastor:** Jesus laid down His life for our sins to be forgiven. He cleanses us, and calls us clean as we believe and receive His reconciliation. As you have confessed and believed, as a called servant of Jesus our Christ, and according to His Word, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Daily Text

You shall not steal.

*Exodus 20:15*

Those who steal must give up stealing; rather, let them labor doing good work with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.

*Ephesians 4:28*

Let us pray:

People: **Generous God, You are the giver of all good gifts. Thank You for pouring Your love and grace on me. Thank You for providing for me, both physically and spiritually. Your timing is perfect. Help me to see the needs of others, today. Show me how I can be a blessing. Use me. I am Your servant. Amen.**

## Scripture Lessons *Read*

First Lesson

*Acts 9:36-43*

<sup>36</sup> Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup> So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. <sup>41</sup> And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. <sup>42</sup> And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.

The Psalm

*Psalm 23*

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will 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; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Second Lesson

*Revelation 7:9-17*

<sup>9</sup> After 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, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> And 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, <sup>12</sup> saying, "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, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup> I 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. <sup>15</sup> "Therefore 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. <sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> For 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."

**Reader:** Please rise for the reading of the Gospel. God has given us Good News.

**People:** **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. You have the words of eternal life.**

*Psalm 119:105, John 6:68*

Gospel Lesson

John 10:22-30

<sup>22</sup> At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade 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 Christ, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My 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. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one."

**Pastor:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed**

**People:** **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**

**Christian 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.**

**Sermon Song**

**Not For A Moment (After All)**

**You were reaching through the storm  
Walking on the water  
Even when I could not see  
In the middle of it all  
When I thought You were a thousand miles away  
Not for a moment did You forsake me  
Not for a moment did You forsake me**

**After all You are constant  
After all You are only good  
After all You are sov'reign  
Not for a moment will You forsake me**

**You were singing in the dark  
Whispering Your promise  
Even when I could not hear  
I was held in Your arms  
Carried for a thousand miles to show  
Not for a moment did You forsake me**

**After all You are constant  
After all You are only good  
After all You are sov'reign  
Not for a moment will You forsake me**

**And ev'ry step ev'ry breath You are there  
Ev'ry tear ev'ry cry ev'ry prayer  
In my hurt at my worst when my world falls down  
Not for a moment will You forsake me  
Even in the dark  
Even when it's hard  
You will never leave me (after all)**

**After all You are constant  
After all You are only good  
After all You are sov'reign  
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Not for a moment will You forsake me**

**Sermon/Watchword**

*Talk --- New, Knew, Next*

**Pr Knoll**

**Salvation Belongs To Our God Who Is Seated On The Throne, And To The Lamb**

## Offering Song

## You Are My All In All

You are my strength when I am weak  
You are the treasure that I seek  
You are my all in all  
Seeking You as a precious jewel  
Lord to give up I'd be a fool  
You are my all in all

Jesus Lamb of God - worthy is Your name  
Jesus Lamb of God - worthy is Your name

Taking my sin my cross my shame  
Rising again I bless Your name  
You are my all in all  
When I fall down You pick me up  
When I am dry You fill my cup  
You are my all in all

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## Prayers of the Church *Pray*

*The congregation is invited to join in prayers that include whole Church,  
the nation, those in need, the parish, additional petitions and special concerns.*

**Pastor:** Let's join together to pray with Jesus for all that He loves right here, and to the ends of the earth. Father, our Father in heaven, You are the present active, Creator, and Redeemer of our heart, soul, mind and body.

**People:** **Thank You Lord, that in You we are made a part of Your great salvation of all that You have created. You have made us Your redeemed children. We join today with all those throughout the world who follow You, and pray that Your kingdom would come, and Your will would be done among us as it is in heaven.**

**Pastor:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with these words...*

**Pastor:** You are our God, and we are Your people... Thank You that You hear our prayers, and work in all things for the good of those who love You. To You be all glory, honor, and praise.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **Preface, Proper Preface and Sanctus**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with You.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**Pastor:** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for He is the true Passover Lamb who gave Himself to take away our sin, who by His death has destroyed death, and by His rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**People**<sub>(sung)</sub> **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. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **Words Of Institution**

**Pastor:** 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 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, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of Me."

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Pastor:** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**People:** **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.**

## **Distribution Of Holy Communion**

*All who sincerely believe in the real presence of Christ in the Holy Communion – that the cup of blessing is the Communion of the blood of Christ and the bread is the Communion of the body of Christ, and sincerely believing that in receiving Him we have the forgiveness of our sins, salvation, and strength for the Christian life, come – partake of the Lord's Supper.*

## Communion Song

## Holy Spirit

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close  
Nothing can compare You're our living hope  
Your Presence

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone  
In Your Presence Lord

Holy Spirit You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory God is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

*Interlude*

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*Interlude*

Your Presence Lord

Let us become more aware of Your Presence  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

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## Nunc Dimittis

Pastor: Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word;  
For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the  
face of all people;  
A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the + Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



**Benediction**     *Bless*

Pastor:     Now, may the Lord bless you and keep you.  
              May He make His face shine on you, and be gracious unto you.  
              May the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you His peace.

**People:**     **Amen.**

**Blessing:** Child of God, salvation belongs to our God Who is seated on the throne, and to  
              The Lamb.

Pastor:     Our worship continues,

**People:**     **our service begins!**

**Closing Song**

**House Of The Lord**

We worship the God who was  
We worship the God who is  
We worship the God who evermore will be  
He opened the prison doors  
He parted the raging sea  
My God He holds the victory yeah

There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise  
There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise

*Interlude*

Oh oh oh  
We shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals  
We sing to the God who saves  
We sing to the God who always makes a way  
'Cause He hung up on that cross  
Then He rose up from that grave  
My God's still rolling stones away

There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise

**There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise**

**We were the beggars  
Now we're royalty  
We were the prisoners  
Now we're running free  
We are forgiven accepted  
Redeemed by His grace  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise**

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**We shout out Your praise  
There is joy in this house  
There is joy in this house today  
We shout out Your praise  
We shout out Your praise**

**SHARING OF PEACE AS WE GO IN GOD'S PEACE**

**Welcome To Worship At Zion.** We are pleased to have you join us. *If you are a visitor* please check the shelf outside the office for our newsletter and brochure.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God.

**The Mission of the Month for May** is Lutheran Asian Ministries, which supports the poorest of the poor in southeast Asia. Use the Mission Envelopes to assist in bringing the Gospel to them.

**The May Newsletter** is available on the tables across from the Chapel and Lounge and on the shelf outside the church office.

**The 2025 Altar Flower Chart** is up in the hallway. Sign up for one (\$22.50) or two (\$45.00) vases. Please indicate whether it is in honor or memory of an individual or special event.

**Bible Studies/Small Groups**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>	Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	The Power of Truth and Hearing God's Word
<b>Worship at Zion</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	Worship and Praise
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>	Chapel Service
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Worship
	<b>9:30am</b>	G.I.F.T. Worship

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