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First Lutheran Church

May 11, 2025

4th 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

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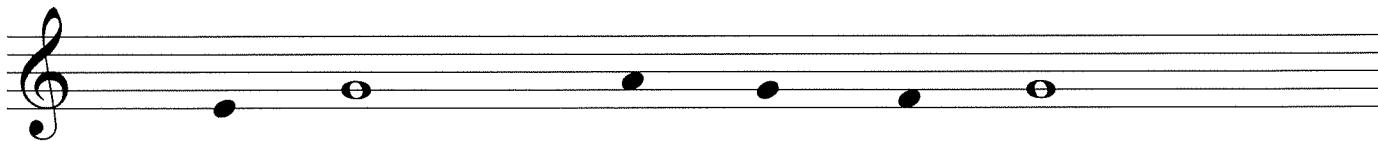
Dan Miller

Three Hymns for Organ
II. How Great Thou Art

(Please stand)

MORNING PRAYER

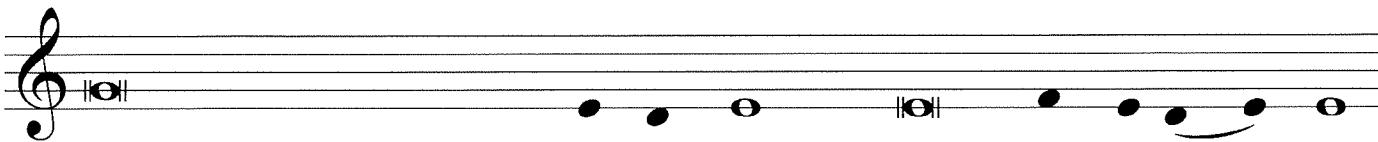
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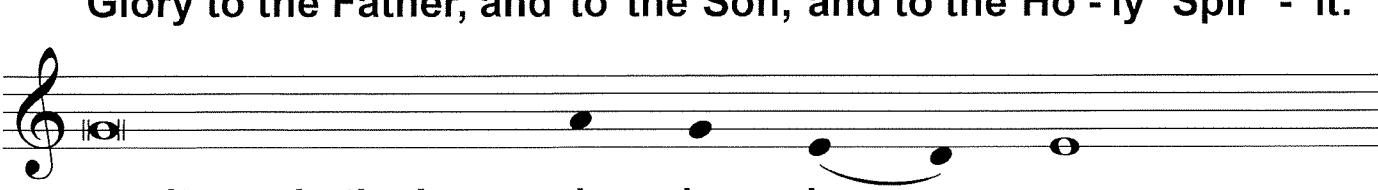
Leader: O Lord, o - pen my lips,



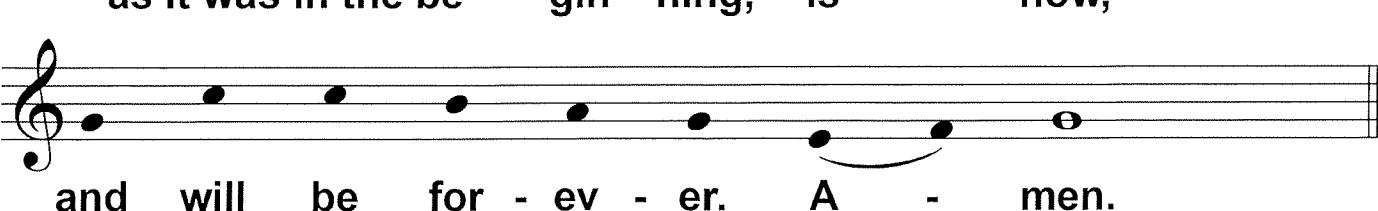
and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



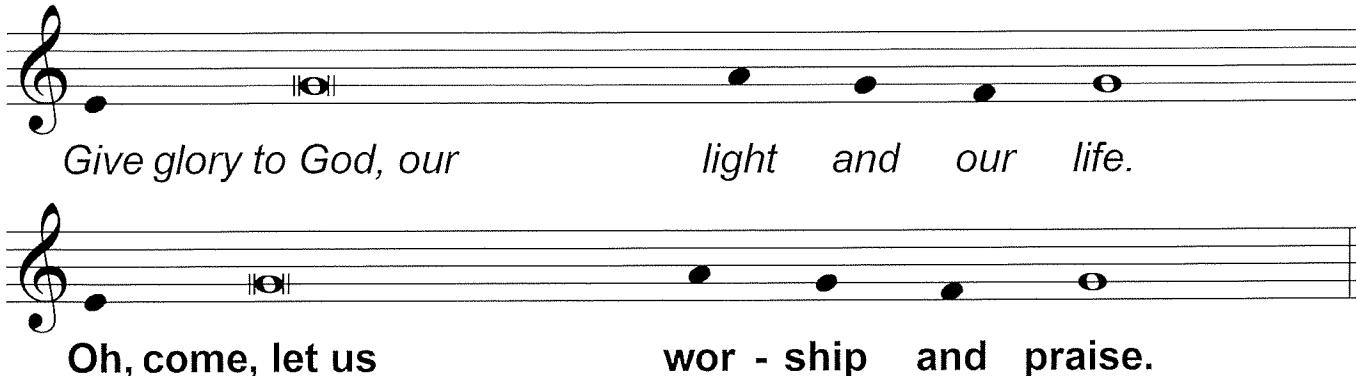
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,



and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

PSALMODY

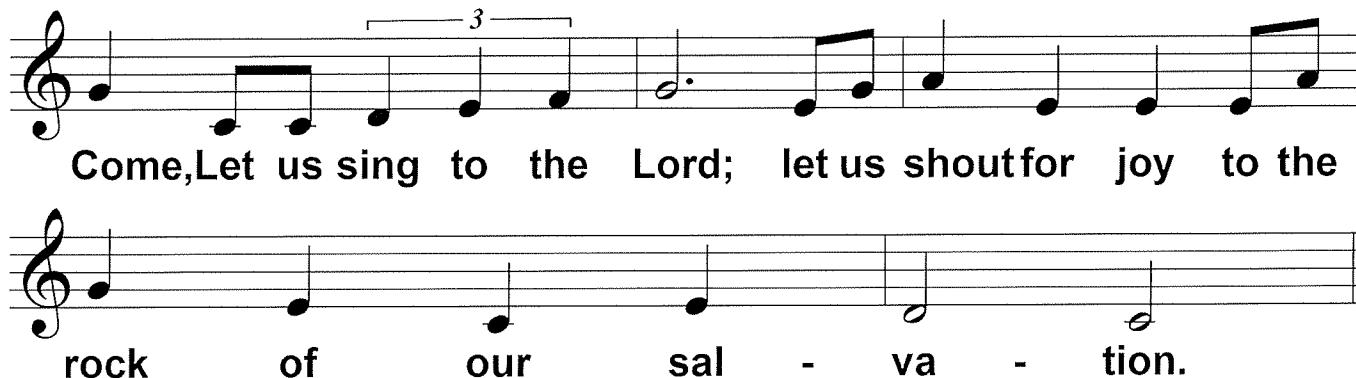
INVITATORY



Give glory to God, our light and our life.
Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

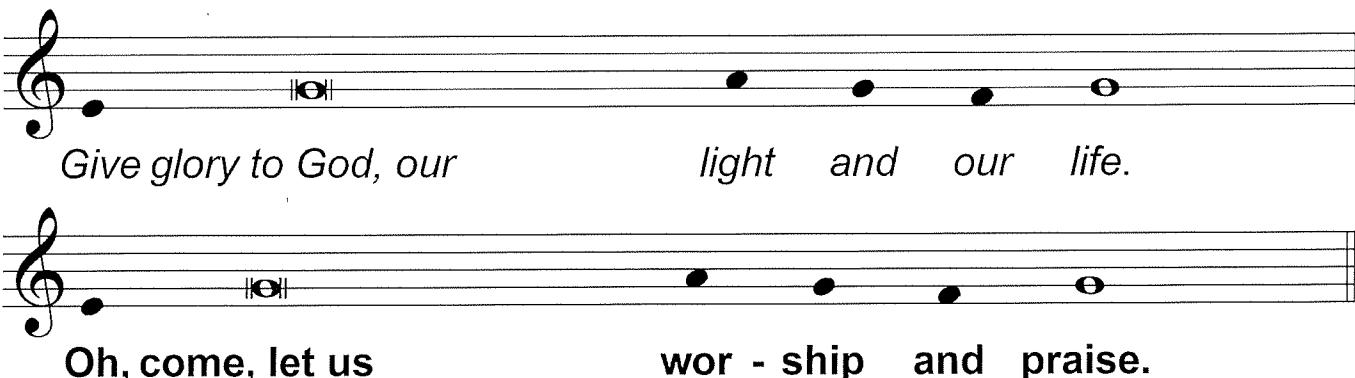
MORNING PSALM OF PRAISE

PSALM 95:1-7



Come, Let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the
rock of our sal - va - tion.

The Cantor will sing the verses.



Give glory to God, our light and our life.
Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING

ACTS 9:36-43

L: A reading from *Acts*, the ninth chapter.

³⁶ 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. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.

³⁸ 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." ³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ 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. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

REVELATION 7:9-17

L: A reading from *Revelation*, the seventh chapter.

⁹ 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.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ 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."

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

The cantor will sing the verse.

C: Repeat, Alleluia

GOSPEL

JOHN 10:22-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the twenty second chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,

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

P: This is the gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Christ!



1. Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no
 2. Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good
 3. Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the
 4. Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful



fear, lit - tle flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 cheer, lit - tle flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 Lord high a - bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 hearts raise to 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!

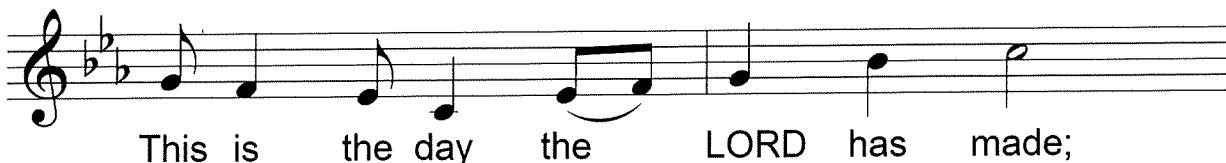
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SERMON

REVEREND MARK SCHURING

(Please stand)

EASTER CANTICLE



This is the day the LORD has made;



let us re - joice and be glad.

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith as expressed in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: **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.**

(Please be seated)

OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION

Brother James' Air

Searle Wright

The Lord's My Shepherd

(Please stand)

OFFERING SONG**The Lord's My Shepherd****ELW # 778**

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

OFFERING PRAYER

L: 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.

C: Amen.

(Please kneel)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

L: You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love.

Each petition concludes:

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

(Please stand)

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

SENDING

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

C: Oh God,
your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.
We are grateful for the goodness you have shown us through
the years,
and we ask now for confidence to go forward into the future.
Bless our community of faith, bless our healing,
bless the changes that are before us,
bless our call process and the pastoral leaders
who will shepherd us through this time of transition.
We thank you now for the wisdom you will show us
as we align with your will, and servant or servants
you are already preparing to send us in your blessed time.
Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry
and our future.
In his name and for the sake of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord, Amen.

BLESSING

P: The triune God,
Who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

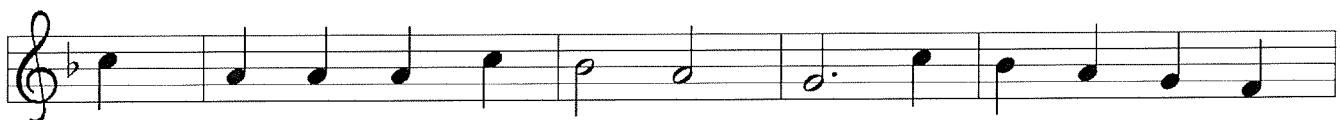
Two staves of musical notation in G clef, common time, and B-flat key signature. The first staff shows the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia!" followed by a fermata over the "A" and a "men." ending. The second staff shows the same lyrics and ending. The music consists of eighth and sixteenth notes on the treble clef staff.

SENDING SONG**Our Father, by Whose Name****ELW # 640**

1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name all par - ent - hood is known,
2 O Christ, your - self a child with - in an earth - ly home,
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, bind our hearts in u - ni - ty



in love di - vine you claim each fam - ly as your own.
with heart still un - de - filed to full a - dult - hood come:
and teach us how to find the love from self set free;



Bless moth - ers, fa - thers, guard - ing well, with con - stant love as
our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place that they may all be -
in all our hearts such love in - crease that ev - 'ry home, by



sen - ti - nel, the homes in which your peo - ple dwell.
hold your face and, know - ing you, may grow in grace.
this re - lease, may be the dwell - ing place of peace.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984, alt.

Music: RHOSYMEDRE, John D. Edwards, 1806-1885

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DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Go in peace.

P: In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE*Festive Trumpet Tune**David German*

Events in Review

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 11</u>
10:00AM	Church Service
	Mother's Day
<u>Monday</u>	<u>May 12</u>
10:00AM	Bible Study @ Willows
5:15PM	Bells of Praise
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>May 14</u>
9:00AM	Piece Corp.
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>May 17</u>
Columbian High School Graduation	
5:00PM	Vanover Wedding Reception
<u>Next Week</u>	
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 18</u>
10:00AM	Church Service
<u>Monday</u>	<u>May 19</u>
10:00AM	Bible Study @ Willows
1:30PM	Bookworms
5:15PM	Bells of Praise
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>May 20</u>
6:00PM	Council Meeting w/Synod
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>May 21</u>
5:30PM	Council Meeting
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>May 22</u>
1:00PM	WOFB food Bank
6:15PM	Pre-School Spring Program

Graduates

If you know someone who is graduating this spring, please let us know. We would like to gather information regarding their school accomplishments and plans for the future.

Please get in touch with the office

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Or Diane Greene @ 419 934-1081

canacab@sbcglobal.net

Lawn Mower for the Week

(beginning on Thursdays)



Shawn Vallery

Pentecost Flowers

Geranium flower orders for Pentecost are available on the table in the lobby. Flowers are \$10.00 a piece and due by June 1st.

Prayer Requests

If you have someone you would like the church to pray for please raise your hand during the announcements and you will receive a card to write their name on (1st name only). After the announcements they will be gathered and read aloud during the prayers of Intercession.

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the Dietz Room wall. Fellowship time is before and after Church Service. Approximately 4 dozen cookies are needed each week.



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Our Worship Leaders

Altar Guild: Donna Brueggmeier,
Deb Hohman & Sharon Losey

Cantor: Elijah Shiley

Facebook Camera: Zach Shawberry

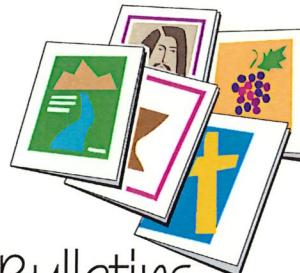
Host: Judy Kimmel

Reader: Beth Margraf

Worship Assistant: Linda Ellinger

Director of Music: Curtis L. King

Pastor: Pastor Mark Schuring



Previous Service

Bulletins

Bulletins are being kept on the pew outside of the Chapel. If you know of anyone who would like any of these to look over, please take and distribute them.

Our Mission Statement

“God is among us!”

“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”

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