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**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**May 11, 2025, 9:00 am**

***Introduction to the day…***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

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.

**GATHERING HYMN Shall We Gather at the River ELW 423**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

A person touching a field of yellow flowers

AI-generated content may be incorrect.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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**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.**

**CHILDREN’S MUSIC Be Not Afraid ELW 388**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43**

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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 23**

1 The Lord is my shepherd;  
 I shall not be in want.  
2 **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures**  
 **and leads me beside still waters.**  
3 You restore my soul, O Lord,  
 and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.  
4 **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.**  
5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
 you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.  
6 **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**

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 who 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.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**GOSPEL: John 10:22-30**

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 My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father’s hand. 30 The Father and I are one.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY The King of Love My Shepherd Is ELW 502**

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION**

We are delighted to recognize our high school graduates today. It is our privilege to affirm these members of our congregation who have completed one phase of their lives and move with great expectations to another.

Graduates, as you celebrate your achievements and prepare to begin new endeavors, be mindful of your grounding in faith, and of your vocation to serve God in all your life’s work and accomplishments.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you bless your servants with many achievements. We give thanks especially for the milestones these graduates have attained. As they begin new phases of their lives, may they also know your love and experience your peace in all the experiences they encounter. Bless also the parents of these students, who have raised their children and nourished them in the Christian faith. Give them strength in your continuing presence and give them many joyful reunions with their children, who may be leaving home soon to begin new and varied ventures, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Go out into the world in peace;

be of good courage;

hold to what is good;

return no one evil for evil;

strengthen the faint-hearted;

support the weak;

help the suffering;

honor all people;

love and serve our God,

rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**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 power of 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.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

…Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great**

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.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERING***In addition to our normal offering, a* ***Special Benevolence in May*** *(collected in a special*

*envelope) will be going to* ***Ronald McDonald House.***

**OFFERING SONG** **Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness ELW 843**

**OFFERTORY 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.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and

the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup

we remember our Lord’s passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us

and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God,

blessed and holy Trinity,

now and forever.

**Amen.**

**THE 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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *- Certified gluten-free crackers are in the bowl on the communion plate.*

Come to the table of grace.

Receive the gift of new life.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders,

sing of your glory,

and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

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.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN Savior, Like a Shepherd ELW 789**

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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| **Coming up at GSLC** | | |
| Sunday, May 11 | 9:00 am | Worship Service   * Fourth Sunday of Easter * John 10:22-30; Jesus promises eternal life to his sheep |
| Tuesday, May 13 | 6:30 pm | Council Meeting |
|  | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting |
| Sunday, May 18 | 9:00 am | Worship Service   * Fifth Sunday of Easter * John 13:31-35; Jesus gives a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you |

There will be fellowship time after worship one Sunday a month. Please sign up on the table in the narthex.

**Pastor Katie’s Office Hours**: Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm. Tuesday mornings at Uptown Coffee. Afternoons available by appointment. You are welcome to stop in any time for conversation or concerns.

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| ***Upcoming Worship Assistants*** | | | | | | |
|  | **Usher** | **Lector** | **Communion** | **Offering Counters** | | **Deep Clean** |
| May 11 | Dave & Sue Schraeder | Rob Pankratz | Bruce & Nancy Tibbett | Pam Mundt | Margo Berrier | May:  Dave & Shelly Schneider  Bruce & Nancy Tibbett |
| May 18 | Dave & Sue Schraeder | Chris  Tipping | Matt & Margo Berrier | Dan Mundt | Bob Peterson |
| May 25 | Tim & Farrah Uphoff | Chris Tipping | Dan & Pam Mundt | Nancy Leonard | Rob Mader |
| June 1 | Dave & Kami Weis | Richard Kopitzke | Dave & Sue Schraeder | Robin Beeman | Dave Schneider | June:  Chris Tipping  Julie Will  Andrea Hovick  Deb Janz |

Names on the prayer list now default to 6 weeks. If you would like a name to remain on the list longer, please let Pastor Katie know.

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| **Green Team Notification**  REDUCE/REUSE/RECYCLE  *Marshfield is fortunate to have a local business that accepts many items for recycling.*  **ODC (2406 E. 21st Street) on Thursdays from 10 am- 2 pm accepts the following items for no charge:**  Computer Towers\*, Laptops, Tablets, Cell Phones, Electrical Cords/Cables/Wire, Keyboards, Mice, Video Game Consoles, Cable/Satellite TV Devices, Networking and Radio/Stereo Equipment, Computer Speakers, Fax Machines, DVR/VCR/DVD players.  **The below items have charges listed:**   * Printers, Desktop Copiers, Scanners $5 each * CRT/LCD Televisions (39” and Smaller) $20 each * CRT/LCD Televisions (40” and Larger) $30 each * Wood Console TV/Stereo Units and Projection Televisions $50 each * Non-TV LCD computer monitors $15 each * Full size copiers $65 each * Microwave Ovens $20 each * Air Conditioning Units $20 each * Small/Dorm-Room Size Refrigerators $20 each * Batteries-Bulk Container (not sorted) and/or lithium batteries (terminals not taped) $3/lb. * Laser Printer Toner Cartridges (new/used, separate units not installed in printer) $2 each   \*A $10.00 fee applies if hard drive destruction is requested.  \*A certificate of destruction will be mailed upon completion of destruction.  \*Call for larger volumes. \*Prices subject to change.  **\*ODC DOES NOT ACCEPT LARGE APPLIANCES, CONTAINERS, YARD MATERIALS OR VEHICLE ITEMS.** |

**Message from the Green Team**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's Green Team's purpose is to provide cooperative leadership to educate, connect, and advocate for healthier communities.

We have a very active group in the summer months that tend to our two Community Garden plots on the church grounds. We also have receptacles for recycling alkaline batteries and holiday lights/extension cords in the church coat area in the narthex. We will be expanding our recycling efforts soon, to stay tuned.

There are a couple of local events we would like to highlight so you can mark your calendars:

**Saturday May 31, 8 am- noon at Marshfield Agricultural Research Station is the Wood County Clean Sweep.**

**Thursday June 5, 10 am- 3 pm at Marshfield Utilities is the Residential Customers Bulb and Battery Recycling Event.**

Check out those websites for more info (we will also publicize details closer to those events). Please follow the church Facebook page and the information in the bulletins and newsletters.

If anyone is interested in joining the Green Team or the Garden Team in the summer months, please contact the church office or a member of the Green Team (Leslie M., Chris T., Tammy N., Jen R., and Dave/Shelly S.).

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Congratulations to the GSLC High School Gratuates 2025

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**Matthew Uphoff**

Graduate of Marshfield High School. He is planning to attend University of Minnesota-Minneapolis in the fall to pursue a degree in

Mechanical Engineering.

A person in a white dress

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**Lauren Homolka**

Graduate of Marshfield High School. She is planning to attend University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in the fall for Health Science.

A person sitting on grass smiling

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**Molly Jewell**

Graduate of Auburndale High School. She is planning to attend Northern Michigan University in the fall to pursue a degree in Psychology.

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