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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 18, 2025, 9:00 am**

***Introduction to the day…***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

**GATHERING HYMN Shout to the Lord ELW 821**

**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 Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, 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 11:1-18**

1 Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. 2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, 3 saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” 4 Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5 “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. 6 As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. 7 I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ 8 But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ 9 But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ 10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. 11 At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 12 The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. 13 He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; 14 he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ 17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” 18 When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 148**

A book with flowers on a table

AI-generated content may be incorrect.1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
 praise God in the heights.  
2 **Praise the Lord, all you angels;**  
 **sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**  
3 Praise the Lord, sun and moon;  
 sing praise, all you shining stars.  
4 **Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,**  
 **and you waters above the heavens.**  
5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
 who commanded, and they were created,  
6 **who made them stand fast forever and ever,**  
 **giving them a law that shall not pass away.**  
7 Praise the Lord from the earth,  
 you sea monsters and all deeps;  
8 **fire and hail, snow and fog,**  
 **tempestuous wind, doing God’s will;**  
9 mountains and all hills,  
 fruit trees and all cedars;  
10 **wild beasts and all cattle,**  
 **creeping things and flying birds;**  
11 sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,  
 princes and all rulers of the world;  
12 **young men and maidens,**  
 **old and young together.**  
13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
 whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.  
14 **The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,**  
 **the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6**

1 I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
 “See, the home of God is among mortals.  
 He will dwell with them;  
 they will be his peoples,  
 and God himself will be with them and be their God;  
 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
 Death will be no more;  
 mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
 for the first things have passed away.”  
  5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” 6 Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**A sheet music with music notes

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**GOSPEL: John 13:31-35**

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ 34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY God, We Gather as Your People ACS 1038**

**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** **I Come with Joy ELW 482**

**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.**

**A sheet music with music notes

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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 Now the Green Blade Rises ELW 379**

**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 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 |
| Tuesday, May 20 | 2:00 pm | Chapel at Three Oaks |
|  | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting |
| Sunday, May 25 | 9:00 am | Worship Service   * Sixth Sunday of Easter * John 14:23-29; The Father will send the Holy Spirit |

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| ***Upcoming Worship Assistants*** | | | | | | |
|  | **Usher** | **Lector** | **Communion** | **Offering Counters** | | **Deep Clean** |
| May 18 | Dave & Sue Schraeder | Chris  Tipping | Matt & Margo Berrier | Dan Mundt | Bob Peterson | May:  Dave & Shelly Schneider  Bruce & Nancy Tibbett |
| 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 |
| June 8 | Jon & May Hill | Nancy Tibbett | Rob Pankratz  Andrea Hovick | Heidi Binder | Kami Weis |

There will be a council election meeting after worship on June 1st. Thank you to the nominating committee for their work.

Ministry council position nominees:

1. President: Jon Hill
2. Vice President: Margo Berrier
3. Outreach: Nancy Leonard
4. Worship: Leslie Mader

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

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.

**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.

A gavel and book with text

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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.** |

**Massage 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.).