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Fourth Sunday of Easter



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Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk ()*

Opening

Prelude and Contemplation

Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

P: Father eternal, giver of light and grace,

**C: we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with repentance and faith turn to him, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through ☩ Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*** Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* ELW # 789**

*** Greeting**

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

C: And also with you.

*** Kyrie** *ELW page 138*

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above... let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world... let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house... let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

* **Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

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.

Readings

First Reading: Acts 9:36-43

L: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

³⁶ Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas (Gazelle). She was full of good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. ³⁸ 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." ³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ 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. ⁴¹ And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. ⁴² And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner. [ESV]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 23

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 23.

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.**

³ He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ **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.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. [ESV]**

Second Reading: *Revelation 7:9-17*

L: A reading from the Revelation to John.

⁹ 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, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ 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, ¹² saying, "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, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵ “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.

¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ 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.” [ESV]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** Gospel Acclamation**

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C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*** Gospel: *John 10:22-30***

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²² At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Judaeans gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

²⁵ 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, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.” *[ESV, modified]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Sermon

Rev. Thomas Mosbo

* **Hymn** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* **ELW # 502**

* **Nicene Creed** *ELW page 104*

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: 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 whom all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Curt Diddens, Cyndy Schumacher, Duane Tessendorf, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Dennis Bokemeier, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Judy, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig Josh and Ellie Joy, Hannah, Ray Phillips, and Allison Biddick. Pray for love, peace, comfort and hope of resurrections for the family and friends of Jennifer Huneke.

Choir Anthem

Brother James' Air

Prayer

Prayers of Intercession

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Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: ... Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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P: Let us pray with confidence as our Savior has 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.**

Blessing

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P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

C: Amen.

* Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW # 855

* Dismissal

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P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Tena Rackow

New YouTube Channel

Videos of our Good Shepherd worship services are now at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH_trgc9a0J5HgEJkmu121w

There is a link to this channel on the Welcome page of our website.

Graduation Recognition

Sunday, May 18th during worship service

Cake reception following service.

Piece Corps Quilting Group

Meets every Wednesday from 8-11:30am at Good Shepherd in Fellowship Hall.

Everyone welcome.

Men's Group

Northwest Conference WELCA

2025 Spring Gathering

Lord of Love Church

219 Summit Street

Galena, IL 61036

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Registration 9:30am, cost \$15.00

Brunch served at 10:15am

A freewill offering will be taken

Memorial Day

Monday, May 26th

Office closed

Attendance April 27th

In-person 22, Online - 67

Below is a excerpt from a poem by May Patterson based on Paul Harvey's
"So God Made a Farmer"

"So God Made A Mother"

At the dawn of time, God needed someone He could trust to love His precious children.

And so, God made a mother.

God said, "Life will often be harsh. I need someone with a gentle touch. Someone who can brush a tear from the downy cheek of a newborn and gauge a child's temperature without the aid of a thermometer. I need someone who has a special knack for soothing, who can kiss away pain and soften blows. Someone who will hold her child's hand firmly, until she has to release it, tearfully, on the first day of school,"

And so, God made a mother.

"I need someone who will care enough to gather daffodils and put them in a vase, so everyone in the house can enjoy the first blooms of spring. Someone who will care enough to rummage through the mismatched sock pile, in hopes of finding a match. Someone who will make birthdays extra special, sing silly songs with her toddlers in the car, and who actually wants to go on a school field trip to the insect museum, just to be close to her child."

God thought, "I need someone who will play Christmas carols on the piano. Someone who will decorate gingerbread houses with the kids and wrap gifts and deck the halls for Christmas, for nothing in all my creation will be able to make Christmas as special as a mother will."

And so, God made a mother.