

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota



Holy Communion

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

10:45

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Theme from Finlandia*

Christopher Dearnley
Sibelius/arr. Elery Rogers

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The assembly stands for the Thanksgiving for Baptism.

All are welcome in the many ways we inhabit bodies, minds, and spirits. Throughout the liturgy, the assembly is encouraged to participate as needed in gesture, posture, and movement. Children are, of course, invited to be children, bringing their own joy, sound, and movement to worship.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

We thank you, O God. Alleluia.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as siblings,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We thank you, O God. Alleluia.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
 and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
 Shower us with your Spirit,
 and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
We thank you, O God. Alleluia.

To you be given honor and praise
 through Jesus Christ our Lord
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

Installation of Leaders of the Congregation 10:45

Hymn of Praise

The assembly turns to face the cross at the back of the church.

Water is sprinkled on the assembly as a reminder of baptism.

The text of the hymn is from Revelation, a portion of which is appointed for Easter 4, Revelation 5:11-14.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

Prayer of the Day

The grace and peace of Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead, be with you all.

And also with you.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.**

Let the Children Come

Alleluia! 10:45

We Love

Ann Price

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

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.

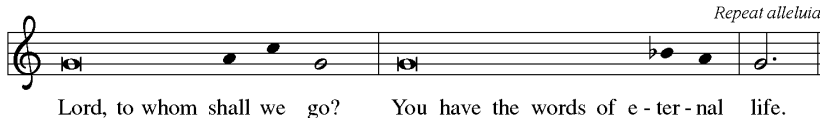
Schola Cantorum 10:45

For Love Shall Be Our Song

Douglas Wagner

Gospel Acclamation

Stand.



Gospel

John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

After the Gospel is announced the assembly responds: **Glory 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.”

After the Gospel has been read the assembly responds: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Sit.

Hymn of the Day

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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Stand.

Psalm 23 is the appointed psalm for Easter 4, sung today instead of read aloud.

Prayers of Intercession

The assembly responds to each prayer petition, God of grace: **Hear our prayer.**

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Peace

The assembly may greet one another in the peace of the risen Christ.

We practice living a life that offers its hand in healing peace. People may say, "Peace be with you," as well as shake hands, or place two hands together over the heart, or bow, or by sitting and praying for peace. We recognize that the people of God carry different stories about touch, medical risk, or mental and physical vulnerability. This one, holy body has many gestures. Take care of one another.

Offering

The Lord Is My Shepherd

John Rutter

Chancel Choir; Kurt Claussen, soprano saxophone

Sit.

The offering is an act of worship, responding with our gifts of talent, time, and money in thanksgiving for God's love made known in Christ. All have gifts that build up the body of Christ. Passing the plate is a sign of sharing in ministry together. The green papers in the bulletin are a way of participating if you give electronically.

Website

Text

Venmo

833-608-0559



Setting the Table

In the Singing

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The assembly sings stanzas 1 and 2 as gifts of bread, wine, and money are brought forward.



1 In the sing-ing, in the si-lence, in the hands ex-pect-ant, o-pen,
2 In the ques-tion, in the an-swer, in the mo-ment of ac-cept-ance,



in the bless-ing, in the break-ing, in your pres-ence at this ta-ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal-ing, in the cir-cle of your peo-ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.
We bless you for never abandoning your people.
We give you thanks for Jesus
who, living among us,
healed the sick,
fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for others.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through Christ all glory and honor is yours,
Holy One, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

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

Our Mother,

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

The risen Christ is made known in the breaking of the bread.

Holy things for holy people.

Invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sit.

Communion

Lutherans trust that the love of Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of holy communion. Welcome.

To receive communion:

Receive a cup from the usher.

Come first to the bread station. If you need gluten free bread, please tell the server.

Receive the wine from the silver chalice or juice from the pottery chalice.

Place the cup in the basket and return to your seat.

If you are unable to come forward to for communion, please inform an usher. Communion may be brought to your seat.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* 789

Hymn *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* 674

Introduction of Leaders of the Congregation 8:15

Prayer after Communion 10:45

Stand.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Sending Hymn *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* 843

The assembly faces the cross as it is sent into the world.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude *Toccata on Nettleton* Robert Hebble

Worship Leaders

Thank you to all those who serve today.

If you would like to participate in worship leadership, we would love to include you.

Please speak with any of the pastors.

| | 8:15 a.m. | 10:45 a.m. |
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| Presiding Minister | Jodi Houge | Jodi Houge |
| Preaching Minister | Bradley E. Schmeling | Bradley E. Schmeling |
| Assisting Minister | Cheryl Stever | Travis Waymon |
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| Livestream | | Steve Teipel |
| Sound | John Teipel | Meg Ubel |
| Alb Washing | | Timothy Strand |
| Organ | Timothy Strand | Dennis Friesen-Carper |
| Piano | Dennis Friesen-Carper | Elizabeth Trites |
| Alleluia! | | Timothy Strand, Ellen Whitted |
| Schola Cantorum | | Joan Kallas, Leslie Kallas |
| Library | Joan Kallas, Leslie Kallas | |

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