

The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one.”

(Response after the conclusion: *Praise to you, O Christ.*)

**Children’s Message:** Sue Johannsen

**Special Music:** Kenny Muller

**Sermon:** Interim Pastor John Dalen

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

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Offering**

**Offering Hymn:** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Me* ELW #789

**Prayer**

**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.

**Benediction & Threefold Amen**

**Closing Hymn:** *For All Your Saints, O Lord* ELW #427

**Dismissal:** P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!  
C: Thanks be to God!



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*Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!*  
“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to Become a member, contact any member, or the church office.”

**Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025; 9:30 am** **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Opening Hymn:** *The Day of Resurrection!* ELW #361

**Apostolic Greeting**

**Kyrie** (setting 8, p. 184)

C: Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison every day.

P: For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison every day.

P: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor, that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison every day.

P: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison every day.

P: For your spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison every day.

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.

Hymn: All Who Believe and Are Baptized ELW #442

Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Raena Jayne Steckelberg

Sharing Peace

Special Music: Come, O’ Come, Our Voices Raise BVLC Mixed Choir

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:36-43 Kathy Reisenweber  
(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.)

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.<sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.<sup>38</sup> 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.”<sup>39</sup> 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.<sup>40</sup> 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.<sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.<sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.<sup>43</sup> Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalm 23

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
P: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.  
L: You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your

name’s sake.

P: 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.

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

P: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Scripture Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

(Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.)

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.<sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”<sup>11</sup> 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,<sup>12</sup> singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?”<sup>14</sup> 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.<sup>15</sup> 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.<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat,<sup>17</sup> 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.”

Gospel Acclamation: Holy, Holy, Holy ELW #473 (sing twice)

Gospel Reading: John 10:22-30

(Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.)

At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,<sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.<sup>24</sup> 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.”<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe.