COMMUNION/PRAYERS

Please take an empty cup when you come forward for communion. We have gluten free wafers—let your server know of this need. There is both wine and grape juice. You may lift up your prayers after communion by lighting a candle. Make your own way back to your seat.

VIDEO

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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.

Blessing Song (See screen for words.)

The Lord bless you, and keep you Make his face shine upon you Be gracious to you The lord turn his face toward you And give you peace. Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

L: Go now in peace to love and serve the LORD. C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Worship and Music Coordinator—Theron Jeppesen; LEADER - SAM—Natalie Hanson



Please join us after worship for the Gather Together Fellowship beverages, treats and friendly conversations.

4th Sunday Easter, May 11, 2025

United Lutheran Church, Elbow Lake, MN



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

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the People of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME/GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 23

L: The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

C: 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.

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

OPENING SONG: Goodness of God (words on the screen)

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.

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.

<u>WORD</u>

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION: Open the Eyes of My Heart

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

L: The Holy Gospel according to John in the 10th chapter. C: Glory to You, O LORD!

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.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico

of Solomon. ²⁴So 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." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

L: This is the gospel of our LORD.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

MESSAGE

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OFFERATORY PRAYER:

Lord, we come before you with humble hearts, offering what we can. May they be used to bring glory to your name and to support your Holy Spirit wok in this place. Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYERS Please respond to "Lord in your mercy" with, "Hear our prayer."

<u>MEAL</u>

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the LORD.** Give thanks to the LORD your God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION LORD'S PRAYER INVITATION TO THE TABLE LAMB OF GOD

SPECIAL MUSIC K

Kyra Beyer Still Waters by Leanna Crawford